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General Government Committee

Minutes

Date: December 4, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers or Microsoft Teams
Municipal Administrative Centre
40 Temperance Street, 2nd Floor
Bowmanville, Ontario

Members Present: Mayor A. Foster, Councillor G. Anderson, Councillor S. Elhajjeh, Councillor L. Rang, Councillor C. Traill, Councillor W. Woo, Councillor M. Zwart

Staff Present: M. Dempster, J. Newman, G. Acorn, S. Brake, T. Pinn, C. Salazar, D. Speed, J. Gallagher, L. Preston

1. Call to Order

Mayor Foster called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Councillor Zwart led the meeting in the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest stated at this meeting.

4. Announcements

Members of Committee announced upcoming community events and matters of community interest.

5. Presentations/Delegations (10 Minute Time Limit)

5.1 Delegation by Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann and Neil Pasher, Sloane's House, Regarding, Sloane's House Hospice, Palliative Care and Respite Centre

Neil Pasher and Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann, Sloane's House, were present regarding Sloane's House Hospice, Palliative Care and Respite Centre. Using an electronic presentation Neil provided an overview of the vision and inspiration for Sloane's House. N. Pasher shared the importance of pediatric respite care through the stories of two children, Sloane and Jack.

L. Sunstrum-Mann advised there are approximately 19,000 kids requiring support residing in Durham Region and surrounding areas that currently have to leave their communities to access services. Lorraine provided an overview of the services Sloane's House will offer and asked for support in raising awareness. N. Pasher and L. Sunstrum-Mann answered questions from Members of Committee.

Resolution # GG-189-23

Moved by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Rang

That the Delegation of Neil Pasher and Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann, Sloane's House, regarding Sloane's House Hospice, Palliative Care and Respite Centre, be received with thanks.

Carried

5.2 Delegation by Mitch Conan, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Regarding, An Update on the Port Hope Area Initiative - Port Granby Project

Mitch Conan and Shernette Muccuth Henry, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories were present regarding an Update on the Port Hope Area Initiative - Port Granby Project. Using an electronic presentation, M. Conan provided an overview of the Port Granby Project milestones, currently in phase 3, which includes environmental monitoring and a continued plan for safety. Mitch shared presentation slides, showing photographs of the site storage mound, wastewater treatment plant, and restored legacy waste site. M. Conan outlined the evolution of the public information program and answered questions from Members of Committee.

Resolution # GG-190-23

Moved by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Elhajjeh

That the Delegation of Mitch Conan, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, regarding an Update on the Port Hope Area Initiative - Port Granby Project, be received with thanks.

Carried

5.3 Delegation by Sher Leetooze, Cornish Society of Durham Region, Regarding, a Request to Erect a Cornish Cross in Rotary Park

Sher Leetooze, Cornish Society of Durham Region, was present regarding a request to erect a Cornish Cross in Rotary Park. Using an electronic presentation, S. Leetooze provided information on the history of Cornish settlers and how to determine if you're a descendent. Sher requested the Cornish Society of Durham Region be allowed to erect, at their expense, a Cornish Cross in Rotary Park. S. Leetooze answered questions from Members of Committee.

Resolution # GG-191-23

Moved by Councillor Zwart
Seconded by Councillor Rang

That the Delegation of Sher Leetooze, regarding a request to erect a Cornish Cross in Rotary Park, be received with thanks.

Carried

5.4 Delegation by Allison Hansen, Regarding, a Request to Immediately Cease the Use of Rodenticides at all Municipally Owned Properties

Allison Hansen was present regarding Report CSD-003-23 – Rodenticide Use in Municipal Facilities, requesting Clarington to immediately cease the use of rodenticides at all municipally owned properties. A. Hansen asked that the Municipality of Clarington be a leader and take bold action against rodenticides to protect its constituents, companion animals, wildlife, and the environment from the harm of rodenticides. Allison stated that a measured approach as recommended in Report CSD-003-23 will cause animals to continue to die slow and painful deaths while exposing humans and the environment to poisons that persist and bioaccumulate in the environment. A. Hansen expressed concern with baiting and trapping animals on the exterior of municipally owned buildings and advised that rodents should only be trapped if they have gained entry to a building. A. Hansen advised that Report CSD-003-23 only speaks to banning anti-coagulant rodenticides but there are also neurotoxicants. Allison asked Members of Committee to take a stronger approach and prohibit the use of rodenticides in and around all municipal facilities and remove attractants. A. Hansen answered questions from Members of Committee.

Alter the Agenda

Resolution # GG-192-23

Moved by Councillor Traill
Seconded by Councillor Rang

That the Agenda be altered to consider Item 8.1, Report CSD-003-23 – Rodenticide Use in Municipal Facilities, at this time.

Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 CSD-003-23 - Rodenticide Use in Municipal Facilities

Recess

Resolution # GG-193-23

Moved by Councillor Traill
Seconded by Councillor Rang

That the Committee recess for 10 minutes.

Carried

The meeting reconvened at 10:51 a.m. with Mayor Foster in the Chair.

Resolution # GG-194-23

Moved by Councillor Traill
Seconded by Councillor Rang

Whereas, Council acknowledges that rodenticide products are unreasonably dangerous, inhumane, and ineffective;

And Whereas, rodenticides are highly toxic, persistent and compounds of bioaccumulation used to eliminate rodent populations by causing death by preventing normal blood clotting, causing internal hemorrhaging, or disturbing nervous system functions;

And Whereas, rodenticides pose serious threats to Ontario's wildlife (including raptors, songbirds, coyotes, snakes, and raccoons) and the environment (including aquatic ecosystems) through primary and secondary poisoning of non-target species, and further threaten children and pets;

And Whereas, predators and scavengers are at a particularly high risk of secondary poisoning because of their dependence on rodents as a food source, with countless cases of poisoning across Ontario in the past decade;

And Whereas, rodenticides are an ineffective and counterproductive means of controlling long-term rodent populations because they fail to address the root of infestation problems (i.e., access to food, shelter and other attractants), and kill predators that serve as natural and chemical-free methods of pest control (i.e., a single owl eats around 1,000 rats per year);

And Whereas, the existing risk mitigation measures implemented by the federal and provincial government are incapable of adequately addressing the threats that rodenticides pose to the environment, wildlife, and human health;

And Whereas, preventative measures are the best method of vector control;

And Whereas, eliminating non-essential use of rodenticides is consistent with the precautionary principle;

And Whereas, Council wishes to enact a policy prohibiting the use of inhumane vector control products to address public concern for the environmental wellbeing of the Corporation, and the health, safety and well-being of its inhabitants;

And Whereas, Council deems it desirable and in the public interest to enact an Animal Poison Prevention Policy for protecting wildlife, pets, and people from unreasonable adverse effects caused by rodenticide use for the purpose of:

- Eliminating inhumane methods of pest control;
- Regulating and controlling the use, purchase, and sale of rodenticides;
- Sustaining a healthy natural environment by protecting biodiversity;
- Protecting significant and sensitive natural areas;
- Protecting human health;
- Maintaining water quality; and,
- Protecting fish habitat as defined in the Fisheries Act, Revised Statute of Canada 1985.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington directs Staff through the Office of the CAO:

- To prepare a draft Policy banning the use of rodenticides on all Municipality of Clarington properties;
- To include a communications strategy for educating residents and business on the harmful impacts of rodenticides and the availability of humane, ecologically sustainable alternatives;
- To implement humane practices in regards to pest control on all Municipality of Clarington properties;
- To have Staff report back to Council no later than Q4; and,
- That Council requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the provincial Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) requesting that the Province of Ontario introduce a Province wide ban on the use of rodenticides, to increase protection for wildlife species.

Yes (2): Councillor Rang, and Councillor Traill

No (5): Mayor Foster, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Woo, and Councillor Zwart

Motion Lost on a recorded vote (2 to 5)

Resolution # GG-195-23

Moved by Councillor Woo

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

That Report CSD-003-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received.

That Council authorize staff to initiate a trial at Courtice Community Complex, replacing rodenticides (interior and exterior) with rodent traps, catch tin traps, and snap exterior traps;

That staff continue to investigate the feasibility of a future ban of rodenticides for all municipal buildings;

That staff report back prior to 2024 summer recess with the results of the trial program and to make further recommendations on the longer-term use of rodenticides in municipal buildings; and

That all interested parties listed in Report CSD-003-23, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Amendment:

Resolution # GG-196-23

Moved by Councillor Elhajjeh
Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That the forgoing resolution #GG-195-23 be amended by adding the following:

That Staff create a communications strategy for educating residents and business on the harmful impacts of rodenticides and the availability of humane, ecologically sustainable alternatives;

That Council engage the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, requesting comment on a Province wide ban on the use of rodenticides, to increase protection for wildlife species.

Yes (6): Mayor Foster, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, Councillor Woo, and Councillor Zwart

No (1): Councillor Traill

Carried on a recorded vote (6 to 1)

Main Motion as Amended

Resolution # GG-197-23

Moved by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Woo

That Report CSD-003-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received.

That Council authorize staff to initiate a trial at Courtice Community Complex, replacing rodenticides (interior and exterior) with rodent traps, catch tin traps, and snap exterior traps;

That staff continue to investigate the feasibility of a future ban of rodenticides for all municipal buildings;

That staff report back prior to 2024 summer recess with the results of the trial program and to make further recommendations on the longer-term use of rodenticides in municipal buildings;

That Staff create a communications strategy for educating residents and business on the harmful impacts of rodenticides and the availability of humane, ecologically sustainable alternatives;

That Council engage the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, requesting comment on a Province wide ban on the use of rodenticides, to increase protection for wildlife species; and

That all interested parties listed in Report CSD-003-23, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Yes (6): Mayor Foster, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, Councillor Woo, and Councillor Zwart

No (1): Councillor Traill

Carried on a recorded vote (6 to 1)

6. Consent Agenda

Resolution # GG-198-23

Moved by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Elhajjeh

That all items listed in Section 6, with the exception of item 6.2.11, be approved on consent in accordance with the Agenda.

Carried

6.1 Communications

6.2 Staff Reports and Staff Memos

6.2.1 CAO-019-23 - Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Protocol

Resolution # GG-199-23

That Report CAO-019-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That Policy PSD-DG008 (Antenna Systems) be repealed;

That the Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Protocol be delegated to the CAO and the Director of Planning and Infrastructure Services;

That Staff be directed to work directly with private sector telecommunications providers (spectrum holders) to discuss using, through a leasing arrangement, Municipal infrastructure and/or land to further expand their networks; and

That all interested parties listed in Report CAO-019-23, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

6.2.2 CAO-021-23 - Green Fleet and Equipment Policy

Resolution # GG-200-23

That Report CAO-021-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That Resolutions #C-066-20 and #C-022-22 be replaced with the Green Fleet and Equipment Policy (the "Policy") attached to report CAO-021-23, as Attachment 1;

That Council approve the Green Fleet and Equipment Policy which will inform future replacement of Fleet and Equipment and inform asset management planning related to the electrification of Municipal Fleet and Equipment.

6.2.3 LGS-033-23 - OPG Trail Licence Agreement

Resolution # GG-201-23

That Report LGS-033-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the Deputy CAO/Solicitor be authorized to execute a Licence Amending Agreement with Ontario Power Generation on terms and conditions substantially consistent with the contents of Report LGS-033-23;

That the Deputy CAO/Solicitor be authorized to execute any future amendments to the trail Licence Agreement required to accommodate the operational needs of either Ontario Power Generation or the Municipality; and

That all interested parties listed in Report LGS-033-23, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

6.2.4 LGS-034-23 - Review of Notice By-law and Proposal of New Notice Policy

Resolution # GG-202-23

That Report LGS-034-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That Council approve the draft "Public Notice Policy", Attachment 1 to Report LGS-034-23, to be effective upon the repeal of By-law 2005-022;

That the By-law attached to Report LGS-034-23, as Attachment 2, repealing By-law 2005-022, "Notice By-law", be approved, effective January 1, 2024; and

That all interested parties listed in Report LGS-034-23, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

6.2.5 LGS-035-23 - Lakeview Cemetery – Transfer to Municipality

Resolution # GG-203-23

That Report LGS-035-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Consumer Services (through the Bereavement Authority of Ontario), the Municipality assume all responsibility and assets related to the Lakeview Cemetery located at 4449 Hill St, Newtonville, from the Lakeview Cemetery Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2024;

That Staff be authorized to execute, on behalf of the Municipality, all documents and instruments necessary to give effect to the cemetery transfer, to the satisfaction of the Deputy CAO/Solicitor;

That the By-law attached to Report LGS-035-23 attachment 1, to amend the Cemetery By-law, By-law 2022-055, to add Lakeview Cemetery, be approved; and

That all interested parties listed in Report LGS-035-23, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

6.2.6 FSD-041-23 - Engineering Services DHRC Dehumidification Replacement

Resolution # GG-204-23

That Report FSD-041-23, be received;

That the proposal received from CIMA Canada Inc., being the most responsive bidder meeting all terms and conditions and specifications of RFP2023-6 be awarded the contract for Engineering/Design for the replacement of the Dehumidification Unit at Diane Hamre Recreation Complex (DHRC). The scope of work will include full design/engineering, assistance in preparing tender ready specifications, drawings, and contract administration;

That the total funds required for this project in the amount of \$91,769.20 (Net HST Rebate) be funded from the approved budget; and

That all interested parties listed in Report FSD-041-23, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

6.2.7 FSD-042-23 - Supply and Delivery of One Grader

Resolution # GG-205-23

That Report FSD-042-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That Toromont Cat with a bid amount of \$546,746.30 (Net HST Rebate) being the lowest bidder meeting all terms, conditions and specifications of CL2023-37 be awarded the contract for the Supply and Delivery of One Grader;

That the total estimated funds required for this project in the amount of \$549,750 (Net HST Rebate) include \$546,746.30 (Net HST Rebate) for the grader and other costs such as radios, GPS units, Clarington decal lettering and striping in the amount of \$3,000 (Net HST Rebate) be funded by the Municipality as follows:

Description	Account Number	Amount
Fleet Replacement Roads - (2023)	110-36-388-83642-7401	\$549,750

That all interested parties listed in Report FSD-042-23 and any delegations be advised of Council’s decision.

6.2.8 FSD-043-23 - Supply and Delivery of One Rescue Truck

Resolution # GG-206-23

That Report FSD-043-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That Dependable Truck and Tank Limited with a bid amount of \$1,015,844.64 (Net HST Rebate) being the lowest bidder meeting all terms, conditions and specifications of CL2023-38 be awarded the contract for the Supply and Delivery of One Rescue Truck;

That the total estimated funds required for this project in the amount of \$1,018,850 (Net HST Rebate) include \$1,015,844.64 (Net HST Rebate) for the rescue truck and other costs such as radios, GPS units, Clarington decal lettering and striping in the amount of \$3,000 (Net HST Rebate) be funded by the Municipality as follows:

Description	Account Number	Amount
Utility Truck	110-28-388-82814-7401	\$1,000,000
DC Reserve Fund	110-28-388-82814-7401	18,850

That all interested parties listed in Report FSD-043-23 and any delegations be advised of Council’s decision.

6.2.9 FSD-045-23 - Consulting Services for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Pathway Feasibility Study

Resolution # GG-207-23

That Report FSD-045-23, and any related communication items, be received;

That the proposal received from Sustainable Projects Group being the most responsive bidder meeting all terms, conditions and specifications of RFP2023-8 be awarded the contract for the provision of Consulting Services for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Pathway Feasibility Study, as required by the Chief Administrative Officer’s Office;

That the funds required for this project in the amount of \$158,521.73 (Net HST Rebate) is in the approved budget allocation as provided and will be funded from the following account:

Description	Account Number	Amount
Climate Change Professional Fees	100-13-180-10519-7161	\$158,522

That all interested parties listed in Report FSD-045-23, and any delegations be advised of Council’s decision.

6.2.10 PWD-011-23 - Proposed Amendments to Traffic By-law 2014-059

Resolution # GG-208-23

That Report PWD-011-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the amending By-law provided with Report PWD-011-23, as attachment 1, be approved; and

That all interested parties listed in Report PWD-011-23, and any delegations be advised of Council’s decision.

6.2.11 CSD-004-23 - West Beach Cottages

Resolution # GG-209-23

Moved by Councillor Zwart
Seconded by Councillor Woo

That Report CSD-004-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That Council authorize staff to commence with the demolition of the two recently vacated cottages (#16 and #32 West Beach Road, Bowmanville);

That, prior to demolition, Staff make a digital photographic record of the existing cottages, to be kept for reference, so that the historical legacy of West Beach is not lost, and the potential exists for recreating the West Beech character in any future development of a waterfront park; and

That the necessary funds for demolition be drawn from Account #100-50-130-10543-7520 Land Acquisition Maintenance – Non-Capital.

Carried

7. Items for Separate Discussion

7.1 PDS-068-23 - Land Division Process - Recommendation

Suspend the Rules

Resolution # GG-210-23

Moved by Councillor Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Rang

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to add a Planning and Infrastructure Report to the General Government Committee agenda.

Carried

Resolution # GG-211-23

Moved by Councillor Woo

Seconded by Councillor Rang

That Report PDS-068-23, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the By-law attached to Report PDS-068-23, as Attachment 1, to delegate the authority to grant consents to the Committee of Adjustment and to revise the Committee of Adjustment establishing By-law 2021-009 effective January 1st, 2024, be approved;

That the By-law attached to Report PDS-068-23, as Attachment 2, to amend Schedule 'E' of the Fee By-law 2023-044 to introduce applicable consent applications fees effective January 1st, 2024, be approved;

That Brad Whittle be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment effective January 1st, 2024, for a term ending December 31st, 2026 or until a successor is appointed;

That the Committee of Adjustment compensation be increased from \$53.66 to \$100.00 per hearing, effective January 1st, 2024; and,

That all interested parties listed in Report PDS-068-23, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Carried

7.2 Correspondence by Ben McWade, P.Eng, Acting Manager, Construction Management Services, Region of Durham, Regarding a Request for Noise Bylaw Exemption Extension

Resolution # GG-212-23

Moved by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Elhajjeh

That the request to extend a Noise By-law Exemption, from Ben McWade, P. Eng, Acting Manager, Construction Management Services, Region of Durham, to March 17, 2024, be approved.

Carried

9. New Business

9.1 Backyard Chickens (Councillor Zwart)

Resolution # GG-213-23

Moved by Councillor Zwart
Seconded by Councillor Woo

Whereas the Exotic Pet By-law 2012-045 does not allow for raising chickens on non-agriculturally zoned lands;

And whereas Committee deems it advisable to consider allowing Clarington residents in rural hamlets, rural clusters, and the Village of Orono, to keep backyard chickens, for the purpose of egg laying, on non-agriculturally zoned lands;

Now therefore be it resolved that Staff in the Legislative Services Department be directed to prepare a report regarding the keeping of backyard chickens for the purpose of egg laying which would include:

- a review of past reports and memos, delegations, stakeholder consultations, and other municipalities regarding the keeping of backyard chickens;
- input from the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Climate Change Response Coordinator, and Planning & Infrastructure Services Department; and
- options for general frameworks/approaches to allow for the keeping of backyard chickens for the purpose of egg laying.

Amendment:

Resolution # GG-214-23

Moved by Councillor Elhajjeh
Seconded by Councillor Rang

That the forgoing resolution #GG-213-23 be amended to add the following;

That the review include larger lots in the urban areas.

Yes (4): Mayor Foster, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, and Councillor Trail

No (3): Councillor Anderson, Councillor Woo, and Councillor Zwart

Carried on a recorded vote (4 to 3)

Later in the Meeting

Resolution # GG-215-23

Moved by Councillor Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Woo

That the question now be put.

Carried

Resolution #GG-214-23 was then carried on a record vote.

Main Motion as Amended:

Resolution # GG-216-23

Moved by Councillor Zwart

Seconded by Councillor Woo

Whereas the Exotic Pet By-law 2012-045 does not allow for raising chickens on non-agriculturally zoned lands;

And whereas Committee deems it advisable to consider allowing Clarington residents in rural hamlets, rural clusters, and the Village of Orono, to keep backyard chickens, for the purpose of egg laying, on non-agriculturally zoned lands;

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- input from the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Climate Change Response Coordinator, and Planning & Infrastructure Services Department; and
- options for general frameworks/approaches to allow for the keeping of backyard chickens for the purpose of egg laying; and

That the review include larger lots in the urban areas.

Yes (6): Mayor Foster, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, Councillor Traill, Councillor Woo, and Councillor Zwart

No (1): Councillor Anderson

Carried on a recorded vote (6 to 1)

9.2 Request to Support Bill C-310, Regarding, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer tax credit) (Councillor Elhajjeh)

Resolution # GG-217-23

Moved by Councillor Elhajjeh

Seconded by Councillor Rang

Whereas Clarington, like many towns and municipalities throughout Ontario and Canada is experiencing challenges in attracting and retaining volunteer firefighters;

And whereas Clarington depends upon volunteer firefighters to respond to remote, rural areas of the municipality;

And whereas the Income Tax Act currently allows volunteer firefighters to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;

And whereas increasing this tax credit may attract and retain more volunteer firefighters in Clarington,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Clarington calls upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, the Minister of National Revenue; the private member who introduced Bill C-310, Gord Johns, MP; local MPs: Honourable Philip Lawrence, P.C., M.P., Northumberland—Peterborough South and the constituency office for the Durham riding; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yes (7): Mayor Foster, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, Councillor Traill, Councillor Woo, and Councillor Zwart

Carried on a recorded vote (7 to 0)

9.3 Accessible Housing Petition (Councillor Traill)

Resolution # GG-218-23

Moved by Councillor Traill

Seconded by Councillor Elhajjeh

Whereas over 22% of Canadians have a disability and this number is expected to grow as the population ages;

And whereas the National Building Code does not mandate that housing be accessible;

And whereas Canadians are unable to age in place due to inaccessible housing;

And whereas Canadians should have access to housing that allows people to live independently with dignity and respect;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Clarington calls upon the Government of Canada to amend the National Building code (NBC) to make Universal Design mandatory in all new multi-unit housing developments under the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, consistent with current legislation and conventions; and

That the Canadian Table for Harmonized Construction Codes Policy, Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Code and the CMHC collaborate on defining and illustrating in the NBC what is visitable, adaptable, accessible, barrier-free, and universal design, and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Honourable Sean Fraser, the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; Honourable Kamal Khera, Minister of Diversity, Inclusion and Persons with Disabilities; the private member who supports the accessible housing petition (e-4543) Mike Morris, MP; Local MPs: Honourable Philip Lawrence, P.C., M.P., Northumberland—Peterborough South and the constituency office for the Durham riding; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yes (7): Mayor Foster, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, Councillor Traill, Councillor Woo, and Councillor Zwart

Carried on a recorded vote (7 to 0)

10. Confidential Items

11. Adjournment

Resolution # GG-219-23

Moved by Councillor Rang
Seconded by Councillor Elhajjeh

That the meeting adjourn at 11:49 a.m.

Yes (7): Mayor Foster, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, Councillor Trail, Councillor Woo, and Councillor Zwart

Carried on a recorded vote (7 to 0)